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SIR:

SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION AND REQUEST FOR  
PARTIAL REFUND OF FILING FEE

Submitted herewith is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney together with a check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the late filing surcharge.

Also enclosed is a copy of a letter to the attorney of record advising that Applicant is entitled to small entity status. Accordingly, a partial refund of the filing fee originally submitted is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Sirs,

RE.: National phase of PCT/EP99/08480  
filed on November 9, 1999  
in the name of Aquisitio S.p.A.

With reference to our order letter of April 11, 2001, please find herewith enclosed the Declaration and Assignment duly executed.

**The Applicant can be entitled to the "small entity" status.**

Yours faithfully,  
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Encl.